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## Egypt Demands British Lift All Bars in Ismailia

CAIRO, Wednesday (Reuter). — Egypt has demanded that all military restrictions imposed by British forces in Ismailia after the disappearance of a British airman, Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi said to-night.

"We have told the British that such measures are unjustified and wrongly taken," he revealed after a 10-minute meeting with British Charge d'Affaires Robert Hankey.

Asked about the situation in Ismailia, Mr. Hankey said, "It is calm there."

President Nagib today recorded a speech on the Canal Zone dispute with Britain while angry crowds shouted anti-British slogans outside the British building.

### Speech in 3 Languages

The speech for broadcast later in English, Arabic and German was said to have been designed to explain the latest developments in Egypt resulting from the sealing off of Ismailia in the Canal Zone.

The demonstrating crowd yelled slogans against the British and Sir Winston Churchill. Then they turned their wrath against British Charge d'Affaires Robert Hankey with shouts of "Go home to another Hankey."

When Nagib emerged they shouted "Lead us to the Canal Zone."

Observers believed the traffic control at Ismailia would be relaxed in a few days and eventually ended.

British military authorities stated in Cairo last night they had no knowledge of any Egyptian being killed by British troops. No formal complaint has been made by local Egyptian authorities in the Canal Zone, a British spokesman said.

## Lloyd Says Salem's Speech 'Provocative'

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — Minister of State Selwyn Lloyd told the House of Commons today that the Government regarded a broadcast by Egyptian Minister for National Guidance Sa'ad Eddin as "unnecessarily inflammatory."

Mr. Lloyd said that the Government did not consider the military authorities in Suez could reasonably be expected to have done less than they had done.

All they had done was to set up six check points to check traffic in and out of Ismailia and maintain law and order in an area where the lives of British soldiers were becoming insecure.

### Queries Response

Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, a former Labour War Minister, asked if there was any evidence that the Egyptian authorities were responsible for this abduction or knew anything about it and would it not have been wiser to have entered into discussions with the Governor of Ismailia in an attempt to settle this matter in a sensible manner?"

Mr. Lloyd replied: "As far as the implication of the Egyptian is concerned, Rigid, the missing airman, was last seen in the company of an Egyptian officer and a notorious character who is believed to work for the Egyptian Army intelligence service and who is known to have previously taken part in a similar action of an anti-British character."

### Civil Service Report

The third report of the Civil Service Commission, covering the period April 1, 1952—March 31, 1953, was released by the Prime Minister's Office yesterday. The 60-page booklet deals at length with the reorganization of the Civil Service which began in June, 1952.

The basic principle guiding the work of the Commission was the separation between planning and training on the one hand, and implementation on the other.

The number of employees in Government service on the last day covered by the report was 27,451, exclusive of judges, teachers and policemen. The Commission itself employed 102 persons on that date. Its budget during the period under review was IL 309,450.

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## Lavon Efficiency Unit Completes Its Job

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Committee appointed by the Cabinet in October 1952 to recommend economies and increased efficiency in the Civil Service has completed its work, having proposed the dismissal of 3,227 civil servants, of whom, 2,643 have now been discharged. These will save the Treasury approximately IL 7.8m. a year.

Presenting the Committee's final report to the Press in Jerusalem yesterday, the chairman, Mr. Pinhas Lavon Minister without Portfolio, said that the end of the Committee's work does not mean that concern for more efficiency and reduction of costs is no longer required. Now, however, this should be carried out by a special department which should study the problem of efficiency more systematically and by a more basic method.

The Minister indicated that the work of his Committee would not be really useful if not continued limited to the Civil Service. Similar efficiency committees should be established in Municipalities, in the Jewish Agency and any other public institution, whose budget is maintained by public funds. Mr. Lavon emphasized that, in his opinion, the Committee's work is not limited to the Civil Service.

Mr. Ben Gurion was replying to Mr. Emile Habibi (Communist), who claimed on the strength of newspaper reports that Mr. Y. Palmon, Advisor on Arab Affairs to the Prime Minister, had announced his opposition to the official policy of the Government.

Only a Cabinet Minister can announce a policy line, the Premier said, adding that some newspaper reports of Mr. Palmon's press conference were far from accurate.

Replying to another question, Mr. Ben Gurion said: "The Minister has not said that Yafa, near Nazareth, lately had turned into a centre of law-breakers, with a threat to the peace in the area. The inhabitants of this village aid infiltrators, and conceal unlicensed firearms."

**Arab Policy Based On Equality, Security**

The policy of the Government towards the Arab Citizens is based on two principles, the Prime Minister told the Knesset during the question period yesterday: 1) Equality in rights and duties; and 2) Security of the State.

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**Arms Confiscated**

Pistols, grenades, explosives and ammunition had been confiscated from the villagers.

Members of the Communist Party in the district insist the villagers to conceal their arms from the authorities. Mr. Ben Gurion said: "Kassem el-Magarsi was one of the chief instigators, he alleged, and had therefore been ordered to leave Yafa."

Replying to a question, the Prime Minister admitted that a minister had said that "on a Kol Yisrael" announcer who had broadcast a long-playing record containing a German song. The record, he said, contained a medley of songs, all of them in English, and the announcer had had no time to hear all of it before putting it on the air.

The question had been put by Mrs. E. Raziel-Naor (Herut). She also asked why a Christian broadcaster over Kol Yisrael was permitted to end with an appeal to join the Church. The Prime Minister replied that in future all Christian broadcasts will be subject to the approval of the Ministry for Religious Affairs.

**Artisans Will Need Gov't Certificates**

Some 17,000 artisans in many fields will have to obtain a craftsman certificate in order to pursue their trade, according to the "Artisans" Bill, introduced in the Knesset by the Minister of Commerce and Industry yesterday.

An applicant for an artisan's licence will be examined before a three-man board.

Artisans holding craftsmanship certificates from vocational schools and persons who have been in the trade for a long period will be exempt from examination.

**Break-down Given**

The figures of dismissals recommended and those actually carried out, listed according to the Ministries, were made in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry — 920, followed by the Ministry of Communications with 592, the Ministry of Labour, 344, the Ministry of Finance, 335, and the Ministry of Interior, 186. It appears that while in many Ministries considerably fewer officials were dismissed than had been recommended, one Ministry — that of Education and Culture — has dismissed 154 officials instead of the 151 proposed. The biggest "deficit" is in the Ministry of Communications, which dismissed 160 less than the number recommended.

He reportedly paid particular attention to the problems of villagers whose farm lands have been cut off by the armistice lines.

**Realises Plight**

According to the Near East Arab Broadcasting Station, General Bennike told the Mayor of Tulkarm that he fully realized the plight of these villagers and that "something should be done to change this situation."

He reportedly penetrated into a kibbutz on the southern outskirts of Jerusalem early yesterday morning and stole clothing from a number of porches.

**Following an exchange of fire with kibbutz watchmen, the infiltrators, two of whom were seen carrying stenches, managed to shoot their load and fled towards the Bethlehem road.**

UN observers were requested by Israel police to continue the investigation across the border.

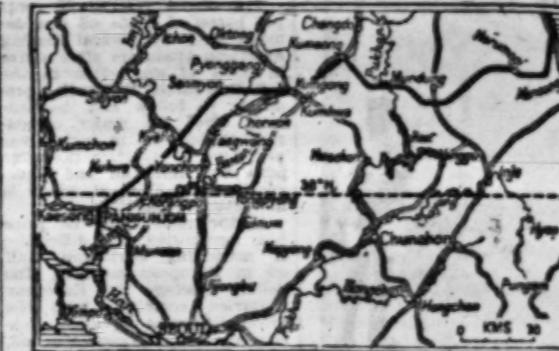
In Beersheba, two marauders from Egypt were yesterday sentenced to 18 months in prison by a summary Military Court.

**French Assembly to Debate Paris Bastille Day Riot**

PARIS, Wednesday (Reuter). — Deputies today called for a debate in the National Assembly on yesterday's riots in which seven persons were killed and more than 300, including 88 policemen, injured.

The death toll rose to seven yesterday as two of the men injured yesterday succumbed to their wounds received by police fire to disperse about 2,000 North Africans brandishing clubs and knives. They were demonstrating after a Communist-led Bastille Day parade in the Place de la Nation.

Six of the dead were North Africans and the seventh, a French Communist trade union leader.



Severe fighting was still raging in the 30-km. stretch of the central Korean front from Kunwha east to the Pukhun River. The Chinese had earlier forced out the northward bulge at this point and a fresh breakthrough was reported last night.

## U.N. Front Sags Under Fresh Chinese Assault

### No Progress in Truce Talks at Panmunjom

SEOUL, Wednesday. — Thousands of Chinese launched three new attacks on the central front late today and punched holes in the South Korean front in at least two places, dispatches from the battle-line said. Communist troops were reported pushing southward on a 20-mile front.

"We've got a hole in our line," an American officer said. "The situation on the front is very serious."

The Chinese hit the western end of the "bulge" they had driven in the line. About 2,000 rammed the right flank of the new line which South Korean troops were trying to organize after being thrown back for miles. Up to 2,000 hit the centre of the front of the division holding this sector. An "unknown" number hit a third point.

The exact size of the new attacks and the extent of penetrations were blacked out by tight security precautions. But it was known the Chinese broke through at several points today and censors here passed a dispatch later which said that the negotiators would meet again tomorrow. They did not elaborate.

No final version of the happenings in the secret meeting was available.

A Communist communiqué issued in Kaesong and broadcast by Peking Radio declared: "The delegations of both sides met in executive session at 11.00 o'clock this morning. The other side initially received the delegations and walking in the conference room. The next meeting is scheduled for 11 o'clock tomorrow morning."

**Demands Clear Guarantees**

In an earlier broadcast Peking Radio demanded a "clear-cut guarantee" that the U.S. will make Rhee's Government and Army unconditional surrender before any peace conference.

Mr. Semenov named these organizations in his letter. The so-called Fighting Group against Inhumanity, the Fascist League of German Youth, the East Berlin Bureau of the Socialist Party, the Christian Democratic Party and other organizations.

**Replies Charges**

He repeated the charges that the troubles in East Berlin had been organized and furthered by these elements to the detriment of the Western Powers.

Mr. Semenov has only just returned from Moscow, and West German officials said today that they were awaiting some early move by East Germany to indicate the trend of Soviet policy following the dismissal of Lavrenti Beria.

The Soviet High Commissioner flew to Moscow on June 27 shortly after the estimated date of Beria's arrest. At the time, West German officials said he had gone for a new briefing on the German question following the East German uprising.

There are strong signs here that, with Mr. Semenov's return, the period of self-criticism of the East German Government and Army is over.

There is a strong sign here that the Party will now try to make as much as possible of the old Communist programme.

**SOCIALIST INT'L OPENS STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE**

STOCKHOLM, Wednesday (Reuter). — The question of world socialism dominated the thoughts of the Socialist International meeting here for four days. In the words of Swedish Prime Minister Tage Erlander in opening the four-day Conference: "The morning battles were fought out in thick fog. As the weather cleared and the planes started their flights, the support of the hard-pressed ground troops. The airforce said that its planes had dropped more than 100 tons of bombs on Communist troops and front-line concentrations during the day."

**After MIDNIGHT**

Referring to recent events in Russia, Mr. Erlander said: "Statesmen of the Western world have a great responsibility in trying to avail themselves of whatever chance to reduce world tension might result from these events."

Addressing representatives from Socialist parties in India, Burma, Indonesia and Japan, Mr. Erlander said: "We know that Asia of today represents a challenge to us all to create a new order in the world where all nations can live side by side, free and secure."

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## Big 3 Ask Russia to Talks On Germany and Austria

### Suggest Meeting in September

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — Britain, France and the U.S. today invited the Soviet Union to a meeting of Foreign Ministers in late September and said four-power agreement would be "a major contribution to peace." Identical notes handed to Russia's representatives in London, Paris and Washington proposed that the meeting should be held at a place to be mutually agreed.

**Georgian Republic Ousts Security Chief**

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Internal Affairs Minister of the Georgian Soviet Republic, V.G. Dekanov, has been dismissed. Moscow Radio announced today.

Reporting a joint session of the Central Committee of the Georgian Communist Party and the Tbilisi (Tbilisi) Party Committee, the broadcast also announced the dismissal of M. Mamalidze from the Central Committee of the Georgian Communist Party.



## Today's Post Bag

## THE WEATHER

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Mr. Casen	80	22	28	25
Haifa Port	80	22	28	25
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Habiria	87	22	29	25
Tel Aviv Port	77	22	29	25
Lydd	82	22	29	25
Jerusalem	82	22	29	25
Bnei-Sheva	82	17	25	25
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\* A. Humidity at 8 p.m. B. Min. temp. C. Max. yesterday. D. Maximum temp. expected today.

**THE BIENNIAL** national Conference of MDA and David Adom will be opened in the Ministry of Health, Mr. J. Sevill, at the MDA headquarters in Tel Aviv at 4 p.m. today. For the occasion, a special postal agency will be opened in the building.

**FOREIGN CURRENCY** coverage for Israel money increased by IL 75,000, and the total currency circulation reached IL 120,481,000, according to the weekly report of the Issue Department of Bank Leumi.

**THE FORTNIGHTLY** convoy went up to Mt. Scopus yesterday, accompanied by 15 scientists and employees of the Hebrew University and of the Hadassah Medical Organization.

**NINE TURKISH** athletes who participated in a track and field meeting in Tel Aviv last week left by Cyprus Airways yesterday.

**SCHOOLS** and kindergartens will close for the summer vacation tomorrow. The new term will begin after the Succot festival.

**17 NEW COOPERATIVE** organizations were listed in the Register of Cooperative Societies during June. They include manufacturing and service concerns, general agricultural societies, benefit and pension funds, and urban and rural housing companies.

## Govt. to Issue Weekly Statistical Bulletins

**TEL AVIV**, Wednesday. — The quarterly, monthly and weekly publications of the Government's Central Bureau of Statistics and Economic Research will be combined into one monthly issue as from this week, to be issued in four weekly bulletins. The change is being made as an economy measure, Prof. R. Bachi, Director of the Bureau, told the Press this week.

The weekly bulletins will be divided into social, economic, and foreign trade issues, with the fourth issue a monthly summary in the English language.

Mr. D. Dinur, Head of the Economic Division of the Bureau, said that in the future particular attention would be paid to agricultural statistics. He stated that statistics of occupations were vital but expensive to compile. The Bureau suffered from a shortage of funds, he added.

## Garden Party for Nurses

An informal garden party for 75 nurses attending a conference in Jerusalem and its guests was given yesterday by Mrs. Paula Ben Gurion, herself a qualified nurse, at her home in Rehov Ben Maimon.

The workshop, which began on June 22 and is to end next Thursday, is sponsored by the World Health Organization and the Ministry's Department of Nurses. A new workshop will start on July 21.

Among those present at the party were Mrs. Shulamit Cantor, Director of the Department of Nurses; Professor Vera Fry, Chairman of the Department of Nurse Education at New York University, the leaders of the conference Richardson, Miss Beatrice Perlmutter, World Health Organization Nurses, and Miss Kalmanowitz, Public Health Consultant, Medical College, New York University.

## U.S. SOLDIERS HERE ON FURLOUGH

**LYDDA AIRPORT**, Wednesday. — Thirty-eight officers and men from a U.S. base in Germany arrived here this morning in two U.S. Air Force planes for furlough in Israel.

Most of the men are Jews. They will spend a week touring the country.

## PROMPT PAYMENT OF WATER BILLS ASKED

To avoid the interruption of their water supply, residents of Jerusalem must pay their water bills promptly, the Municipality's Water Department warned yesterday.

Payment should be made immediately on receipt of the bill or through one of the following banks: the Palestine Discount Bank, Jacob Japhet & Co., or Kupat Milvah Vehisachon.

## RATION NEWS

**TEL AVIV**: Carp: 200 gr. Hb. 27. Temporary 41. Sugar: 1 kg. Aleph 46, temporary 3; 1½ kg. on Aleph cards.

**NORTHERN DISTRICT**: Jam: 200 gr. Tel 4; temporary 21. Laundry soap: 1 bar (Aleph cards: 2 bars) Tel 40, temporary 11. Sweets: 100 gr. temporary 11. Corndour: 600 gr. temporary 11. Flour: 600 gr. on Aleph and Bet cards temporary 20. Halvah: 200 gr. temporary 12.

## Personal Notice

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## Shipments from Israel Through Suez to Begin in August

Jerusalem Post Bureau

**TEL AVIV**, Wednesday. — The first direct shipment of export goods for East Africa through the Suez Canal will leave aboard a 1,000-ton Danish ship some time in August. The same ship will leave Haifa for ports along the East African coast as far as Durban, South Africa, at regular intervals of approximately six weeks.

— the time taken by a round trip.

A spokesman for Traders' Ltd., the ship's charterers, told *The Jerusalem Post* today that the first commercial reactions to the announcement of the new service were very encouraging.

Several vessels carrying East African goods have reached Israel through the Suez Canal without more trouble than some delay, he said. The same was true of ships arriving at Haifa, but they must pass through Egyptian territorial waters and in each case have been allowed to continue their journey.

It is not thought that Egyptian authorities will attempt a violation of the international convention covering traffic through the Suez Canal. This belief was reflected in the low premium charged for war risks insurance to cover such an eventuality, he stated.

The first export caravans are likely to be Kaiser-Frazer cars, tyres and cement. On her return, the ship will probably bring back cotton and hides, and possibly timber.

Until now, exporters wishing to ship goods to Kenya, Mombasa, Zanzibar and other East African territories had to arrange to tranship their goods at a European port. This adds as much as 100% to shipping costs.

## PLYWOOD EXPORTED

**HAIFA**, Wednesday. — A consignment of 200 cubic metres of plywood, worth about \$40,000 was yesterday shipped to Britain in the s.s. Gunda.

The shipment was made by the Kelet factory in Afikim, which exports about 200 cubic metres of wood each month.

Initial inquiries have also been made to the U.S. and South America and orders from these countries are expected.

## Shiber Claims Daily Ridiculed Him

**TEL AVIV**, Wednesday (ITIM). — Dr. Habib Shiber, one of the founders of the Anti-Communist League here, testified before the Magistrate's Court today that an article in the newspaper daily, *Kol Ha'Am*, describing him as "Fascist adventurer" had held him up to ridicule.

He also said that his position as a public figure had been impaired, and that the attack had caused him financial losses as a contractor.

He was testifying in a libel trial before the Magistrate, Mr. Y. Cohen-Magidor, against the newspaper and its responsible editor, Mr. Zvi Breitstein.

## Unemployment Up by 600

Unemployment reached a total of 18,400 in the week ending July 8, or 600 more than the previous week, the Ministry of Labour announced yesterday. The figure includes 2,400 women and 10,480 married labourers.

It is noteworthy that joblessness is decreasing in the large centres of population but rose in the agricultural areas owing to the interruption of seasonal work.

The chief centres of unemployment are: Jerusalem: 1,690; Tel Aviv-Jaffa: 1,082; Haifa: 2,110; Hadera: 323; Ramat Gan: 743; Tibérias: 236; Natanya: 441; Kfar Saba: 312; Rishon le-Zion: 673; Rehovot: 733; Migdal Ascarion: 507.

## RAMAT GAN DISMISSELS

**RAMAT GAN**, Wednesday. — The dismissal of 78 of Ramat Gan's 448 Municipal employees was recommended by a public efficiency committee today.

The committee, which was invited last February to examine the city administration, censured the Municipality for its waste of funds and lack of a central planning or executive authority.

It recommended that the 16 Municipal departments be combined into two only — administration and engineering, and added that the City had indiscriminately indebted itself to contractors.

The committee, headed by Mr. A. Weinberg, was composed of three General Zionist members, and one each from Herut and the Histadrut. The majority faction of the Municipal Council are General Zionists.

## LAVON COMMITTEE

(Continued from Page 1 Col. 3) picture of the work done by the Committee in each Municipality. The committee found that "it is possible to unify the Broadcast Services in the State as it had suggested; to combine the Army broadcasting service and Kol Yisrael, and to unify the music departments and the foreign language broadcasts of Kol Yisrael and Kol Zion Lagola.

Negotiations with the Jewish Agency have started on this problem but with no practical results thus far."

Having discovered that the special Government travel service, with its 72 cars and 100 employees, has been working at a heavy loss despite the fact that the Government Departments had paid the same fare as that charged by private contractors, the Committee abolished the travel service. Mr. Aviav said that when it ceased operations on February 1, 1952, it was decided to sell the cars. "I am not an expert on cars, but I think that the whole deal could have been completed within two or three weeks," he said. However, the Accountant General wanted an exact estimate of the value of the cars and this has only now been completed. Meanwhile, the market price of cars has dropped considerably, and thus the Treasury has lost "quite a sum" Mr. Lavon added.

The report states that the Public Works Department of the Ministry of Labour did not handle the maintenance of the Government's 325 cars and 1,325 jeeps, lorries and trucks "too

## Nazareth Residents Hit Tax Collection

Jerusalem Post Reporter

**NAZARETH**, Wednesday. — The Town Clerk, escorted by police, today resumed his forced tax collection. In the offices of the Trade Union Congress, he confiscated a typewriter, and from its cooperative store, he took a quantity of beverages and groceries. He put an attachment on all the confiscated property and transported it to the municipal warehouse.

Groups of Communists marched through the streets calling for a strike, but only a few showed.

**ISRAEL LEAVES ON Global Voyage**

Jerusalem Post Bureau

**TEL AVIV**, Wednesday. — After a trial degenerating into a farce, the 22-foot yacht "Israels" finally left port this evening on her "Show-the-Flag" cruise round the world.

Messages from the Minister of Communications, the Mayor of Tel Aviv, the Mayor of Haifa, and the Tel Aviv Port Commissioner, Marine Travel Ltd., and the Israel Export Import Corporation, all expected to be present at the departure.

The Committee for the Reduction of Municipal Taxes met with the Military Governor today and demanded that the collection be stopped.

The Committee suggested that property owners pay all their taxes at once, and that other residents be allowed to pay in instalments.

The Governor promised to reply to the proposal tomorrow after discussing it with the Municipal Council.

He said that he would appeal to the Government to send a "Lavon Commission" to examine the Municipal taxes which residents claimed are too high.

Mr. W.C. Chase, the U.S. Consul in Haifa, visited this town today and met the Military Governor and the Mayor.

## Arab-Jewish Exchange Plan Discussed

By Mohammed Khalil Saleh

**NAZARETH**, Wednesday. — The exchange of the Israel Arab minority in the Arab states which is advocated by Sheikh Taher Tahar, Kadi of Nazareth, has been the subject of considerable discussion here.

The idea is supported mainly by landlords and property owners who have lost their influence and prestige since the establishment of the State. This is due partly to the rise of organized labour among the Arab minority and partly to the fact that the property of some of the owners is still in the hands of the Custodian of Abandoned Property.

Sheikh Taher himself owns considerable property in Tripoli which has been released. He has been trying to get a loan for foreign currency and leave the country in order to join his family in the Arab states.

He also said that his position as a public figure had been impaired, and that the attack had caused him financial losses as a contractor.

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## 45 Arab Principals Complete Training

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**JAFFA**, Wednesday. — The first three-month refresher course for 45 Arab headmasters was concluded here this evening at a reception at which the tables were laden with bagels (Arab honey cakes), and other sweets.

The course involved a unique experiment. The elite of Israel's Arab pedagogical staff, carefully selected from schools over the country, underwent intensive training in psychology, educational methods, Israel civics and the Hebrew language.

The ultimate aim of the Jaffa Seminary is to establish a fully fledged two-year Teacher Seminary in which Israel-educated Arab teachers, so desperately needed by their community, will be trained. There are 750 Arab instructors in Israel.

The Director of the course, Miss Hilla Abraham, noted that this was the first of its kind in Israel to have been arranged during a school term and not during vacation, and the first at which Arab headmasters and their apprentices had learned together in a boarding school.

Mrs. Fahima George, headmistress of the Government Nazareth Girls' School, called upon her fellow-headmistress to return to the Arab schools throughout Israel as pioneers of a new education for the new Israel generation which knows no distinction between races and religions.

## Infiltrators Jailed

NAMARIAH, Wednesday. — The Acre Military Court today sentenced two Arabs to 18 months in prison, and gave a third a one-year prison term. The men had infiltrated into Israel several months ago.

On January 1, 1952, the Committee recommended the unification of the management of all services in Haifa Port. The aim was to put an end to the unnecessary and duplicated activities of various departments and organizations in the Port. As well as improving the efficiency of the Port administration and its service to the public, the suggested reorganization would have enabled the dismissal of 217 employees.

However, the Minister of Communications did not accept the proposal, and instead took his own efficiency drive in the Port. He dismissed only 175 employees, and the 142 remaining on the payroll cost the Treasury approximately IL 400,000 a year.

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THE proposal by the United States to grant \$50 million of military aid to Middle Eastern countries has not yet finally materialized, but there has late militarily been a significantly heavy increase of pressure in State Department circles to have the budget for this purpose approved.

The grant, which entails the direct supply of arms to certain of the Arab States as their share of the allocation, is apparently intended to convince the Arab States that America is not favourably disposed toward Israel alone but is the friend of the Arab peoples too. The apparent expectation is that any fears Israel may have about the supply of offensive weapons to their invertebrate foes will be assuaged by the extraction from the Arab States of a formal and solemn pledge that the weapons will not be improperly used.

Simple though it sounds, the thesis is unfortunately not in accord with any of the elementary known facts about the hitherto observed behaviour of the Arabs or of the Middle Eastern situation in general. The first fact that seems to be overlooked is that the Arab States cannot be influenced by any measure of appeasement such as is now proposed. They will only look upon it as a sign that their exploitation of their nuisance value has been successful and will behave even more intransigently in future in order to extract more. The history of the last world war convinced all but those who resolutely refuse to face facts that the Arabs know no principle save that of opportunism in world affairs. More recently the flirtation of Egypt with the Soviets was an indication how unstable their support in a real crisis may well prove to be.

The aid given by the United States to Israel in recent years has, on the other hand, gone into basic works of human reclamation and economic reconstruction. A district of the world redeemed from poverty and want is a district made safe for the ideas of democracy and if the purpose of American aid in the Middle East is to achieve this end, then it has succeeded in Israel and only in Israel. The Arabs have either refused or misappropriated similar aid because their invertebrate hatred for Israel has prevented them from consulting the true interests of their hapless peoples.

The proposed aid is to be conditional, the State Department is believed to hold, on the Arabs promising to keep the peace with Israel. What peace? Every other Israel has made to conclude a peace treaty with them has been rejected out of hand by the Arab powers, while their economic boycott, vigorously pursued and always active, as in the case of Turkey this week in seeking new fields for its application, is hardly an earnest that, given the means to make war with any prospect of success, they will refrain from doing so.

The proposed new policy, however, is likely to have repercussions beyond the Arab States and Israel. It may prove particularly inept in regard to America's relations with her Western allies. Among the nations slated to receive direct military aid are (apart from Israel) Syria, Iraq and Pakistan. Now Britain is resolutely opposed to the grant of such aid to Syria, fearing as she does that the strengthening of that territory is likely to destroy the balance in the Middle East and threaten Jordan. At the moment, Syria receives modest military aid from France who thus maintains some tenuous sphere of influence in that country and the area in general. If American aid should now pour into Syria, France's position there will be further prejudiced. Thus the United States is taking an unjustified risk of increasingly alienating her main Western allies in return for the hypothetical dividends of a dubious Arab goodwill which may or may not materialize.

CANADIAN JEWRY TO CONFER IN OCTOBER  
TORONTO, Wednesday (UP) — The Canadian Jewish Congress announced today that it will hold its tenth Plenary session here from October 10 to 12 to discuss problems facing Canada's 200,000 Jews.

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## PROFILE - LORD SALISBURY

WHEN Americans look at Britain's Acting Foreign Secretary, at present in Washington for talks of great importance, they see a man of simple dress and modest manners, an amiable, stooping figure utterly informal and unprepossessing.

It will be difficult for them, as for us, to realize that this plain and hard-working politician is the person who but six weeks ago was playing a leading role, in ermine and coronet, at Westminster Abbey. There he carried the Sword of State, while nearby his wife, Lady Diana, Dernfordshire, walked with such striking elegance, directly behind the Queen and her maids of honour, as Mistress of the Robes.

The Marquess of Salisbury was the only man present on that occasion who bridged the gulf between those descended from the great nobles who had political power in the past. His family, the Cecils, have a unique record: they played an important part in the reign of the first Elizabeth, who closely advised William Cecil, and now do so in that of the second Elizabeth, providing in between a fair number of Lord Chamberlains and Secretaries of State, and one Prime Minister.

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That Prime Minister, a most eminent and bearded Victorian, died only when his son, the Hon. Robert Anthony James Gascoyne-Cecil, the present Marquess, was born in 1893. Hatfield — the romantic family home in its great deer park, but with surroundings much suburbanized — is the friend of the Arab peoples too. The apparent expectation is that any fears Israel may have about the supply of offensive weapons to their invertebrate foes will be assuaged by the extraction from the Arab States of a formal and solemn pledge that the weapons will not be improperly used.

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His family background has given Salisbury an independence of judgment and sense of vocation that is in the best traditions of conservatism. He is a democrat in the sense that he has a vote which he fully accepts; but he regards it as a political duty to provide leadership.

In foreign affairs, he is a practised devotee of the grand strategy of checking war by international action; but he probably assumes that Britain should always play a full and active independent role, with her sovereignty intact. He is deeply conservative in his cordial dislike of change and innovation, and in his desire to hold on to present possessions, whether India or the Commonwealth, of which he has little of the sentimental attachment which have, from Field Baldwin been one animating force in British conservatism.

WHEN Lord Cranborne (as he then was) entered the House of Commons in 1929, he made for



reign affairs his chief interest as the nephew of Lord Robert Cecil, President of the League of Nations Union, he naturally spoke on League matters, and soon became Parliamentary Private Secretary to the young Minister, Anthony Eden. When Eden became Foreign Secretary, Cranborne got his first ministerial post as his Under-Secretary.

When Mr. Eden explained to a tense House why he had resigned his office rather than carry on negotiations with Mussolini, following in Lord Cranborne's wake, he gave the reasons without losing his composure, he said bluntly: "These negotiations are not a contribution to peace, but a surrender to blackmail."

From that date, February 21, 1938, till the outbreak of war, Cranborne was a leading opponent of the Chamberlain foreign policy. Of Munich, he said, "It has been described as peace with honor. When I said that, I was asked, 'Is it one of the most humiliating episodes in our history?'" Characteristically, his opposition was empirical rather than ideological. He told his constituents: "It would have been better at the start not to have involved us in Czechoslovakia, but we did not intend war."

As a Conservative critic of Munich, he was inevitably in the Churchill administration from 1940-45; but he never became one of the Prime Minister's cronies. In the Cabinet, he would express disagreement with a naturalness that made him a welcome addition, and showed himself full of moral courage. He never held any post of great importance, and his specific request to join the War Cabinet in 1941, when he became a peer in his own right and was made Leader of the Upper House, was rejected.

At this moment, Lord Salisbury is faced with a supremely difficult task. What is perhaps least known is that he has been given an important mission: he was sent to the founding of the United Nations at the San Francisco Conference, where for most of the time he was leader

of the British delegation. Remembering the fail of the League, he opposed the right of veto being given to the Big Five Powers but, acting empirically, he dropped the matter when he saw he could not prevail. He shocked his American colleagues when, with unmodified imperialism, he refused to consider the possibility of the United Nations Trusteeship Council being allowed to set foot on any piece of British Colonial soil.

After the 1945 election, he had the very delicate task of leading the large Conservative majority in the Lords against a Labour Government. This established his reputation. He made an attempt to conciliate the extreme, sometimes passionate, views of Socialists, measures of all sorts; but he more frequently used his majority to amend and to obstruct. Of 210 Lords' amendments to the Nationalisation of Transport Bill, 173 were accepted by the Commons.

His most important record on foreign affairs is of special importance. As early as the winter of 1945, he called for further meetings with Russia, despite the disillusioned feelings of that time. Since 1950, he has frequently repeated this plan of the pragmatic pragmatism that is immediately recognizable to the rulers of Russia.

He has always been a strong advocate of the closest Anglo-American relations: the was President of the English Speaking Union from 1941-47, and staunch supporter of the Commonwealth, the only basis for a realistic policy, and his criticism of Labour's foreign policy has been in these practical terms. He objected to the exclusion of Spain from Nato, and to the recognition of Communist China without having been asked to do so. But he supported the Attlee Government's suggestion that a Chinese General should be heard at United Nations in 1950, because, he said, that was the only possible way of negotiating with China over Korea.

Middle East Scuttle

His position only fortifies him when confronted by the emergent nationalism of the subordinate peoples. He speaks of recent British policy on India, Burma and the Middle East in terms of "scuttle"; and he called for the replacement of the Abdur Razak Commission after filing which means that judgment is given about two years after lodging the action. (Outside Jerusalem the position is considerably better). The more complicated traffic cases are heard about a year after the accident occurred and only routine cases are more speedily disposed of.

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### KEEPING POSTED

THE President was in Safad recently, and took a walk around the place, and also got into a shop. Safad is an old-fashioned town that was bypassed for years by everything that happened in the rest of the country, while its people went on

making a living either off the religious foundations, or by taking in each other's washing and by catering to a little local tourist traffic. The State, in many ways, came as much as a surprise to the old Jewish population of Safad as to the Arabs, and it was there that the war was. Colonel Shishaki, letting himself out of a third-floor window with a rope when the Israel Army was already entering the other side of the town.

THE Wise Guys were sitting around again, but this time it was Russia they were complaining about. "Terrible place, the world's most terrible place," the old man said. "Hoping for some profound philosophical revelation, Mr. Ben Zvi pressed the point. What had happened naturally, and what was the secret?" The old man answered: "The Jews prayed for deliverance, the Arabs came, and fought the armed Arabs — that was the miracle."

A species of sub-miracle that we would like to point out is the fact that the streets of Safad are now clean. This is due to Friday afternoons by several teams of men with little barrows in which to take away the rubbish, until the uneven old cobblestones gleam in the sunshine; even the aged-old smell down the steep alleys has disappeared. The Mayor of Jerusalem has recently appealed to citizens to stop throwing their rubbish into the streets, but the people have been very reluctant to abandon this ancient privilege. A correspondent tells us that, long ago, a relative from Poland visited his family in Vienna. The visitor took a tram, and when he got off he threw away the ticket, which was forbidden in tidy Vienna. It seems the ticket floated straight into the face of an

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irate policeman who was walking behind him and told him to pay a fine on the spot. The policeman, a simple Safadite, had no idea what the pavement for the ticket to prove that he had paid his transfare as he thought the policeman had accused him of stealing a ride. When he discovered that the ticket itself was the trouble, he told the policeman that he would take off a concession for washing up the trash, and then carry a huge basket of cabbages, so

firmly planted as though the vegetables were growing straight out of her head. She tumbled to throw the amateur dancer off balance, and the girl walked away, tipped the switch down and tucked it under her arm before she stuck out her tongue.

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WE missed the demonstration of the conquest of the town," the President said on an orthopedic old man. "How did it all happen?" "Parting the curtains of nature, and partly by a miracle," the old man said. Hoping for some profound philosophical revelation, Mr. Ben Zvi pressed the point. What had happened naturally, and what was the secret?" The old man answered: "The Jews prayed for deliverance, the Arabs came, and fought the armed Arabs — that was the miracle."

WE searched a girl, a student possibly, walking down the street, balancing her switch on the top of her head. She held her top very straight, and was

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